

**State of Minnesota
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Automated Federal Data Flow
Statement of Work
(CR 3567)**

Questions and Answers

Question 1:

What is the status of MPCA's transition from PCS to ICIS-NPDES? Does MPCA anticipate that ongoing transition activities may affect the task of implementing the DMR flow?

Answer 1:

The MPCA is currently participating in migration testing and cleanup. The earliest that that MPCA expects to be in ICIS-NPDES is April 2011. The MPCA anticipates that ongoing assistance will be necessary during the transition. However, MPCA believes that the data structures in the DELTA system and ICIS-NPDES are sufficiently stable to allow for the development of flow utilities prior to actual, live ICIS-NPDES implementation.

Question 2:

Will the selected vendor be required to assist in any other ICIS-NPDES-related activities besides the development and implementation of the DMR data flow to EPA? For example, will the vendor be required to oversee the submission of a backlog of DMR data to EPA if it exists?

Answer 2:

Yes, the selected vendor may also be tasked in the implementation of additional flows currently being developed by the ICIS-NPDES batch state integrated project team.

Question 3:

Has MPCA developed a means by which the node could read data from DELTA directly, or does MPCA still maintain total separation of the DELTA database and DELTAW, requiring a nightly replication process to make DELTA data available to the node?

Answer 3:

The MPCA expects that it will continue to implement flows out of DELTAW.

Question 4:

Has MPCA successfully submitted EIS data to EPA in the past?

Answer 4:

No, however, the MPCA has successfully submitted a NEI data flow through the web submittal to CDX. This was for MPCA's 2006 large source criteria submittal.

Question 5:

Has MPCA begun the process of mapping any of the domain values from DELTA to EIS? If so, what is the status of that effort?

Answer 5:

No. The MPCA will be using RAPIDS3 for its emissions inventory. While RAPIDS3 is currently under development, it will include the ability to export to EIS. This is expected to be completed by November, 2010.

Question 6:

Is MPCA sure that all five modules of EIS data will need to be submitted, or has this determination not yet been made?

Answer 6:

This determination has not yet been made.

Question 7:

EIS has many required fields. Will MPCA make available a data steward to assist in updating DELTA, if necessary, in a timely manner to ensure required values are available to the EIS flow?

Answer 7:

Yes.

Question 8:

For Phase 2, will the vendor be expected to function in a support role with MPCA serving as the primary developer of additional data flows, or is the vendor expected to be the primary developer of new flows?

Answer 8:

A component of this project is developing a plan for implementing additional flows and maintaining MPCA's node flow capability. At this time, MPCA believes that the selected contractor will be the primary developer, but that is subject to change.

Question 9:

For Phase 2, does MPCA plan on engaging the vendor on an as-needed basis for various node/flow maintenance and enhancement tasks, or is a specific work plan, scope of work, and deliverables list expected to be established at the outset of the phase?

Answer 9:

Phase 2 is dependent on funding and as needs arise.

Question 10:

For Phase 2, would it be acceptable for the vendor to submit a time and materials bid since the RFP does not lay out the vendor's specific tasks and responsibilities for this phase?

Answer 10:

Submit the Work Plan Cost Proposal for Phase 1 and Phase 2 according to the Statement of Work, Page 10, Proposal Requirements, item number 5.